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Another Sensation in Columbia.

A Member of the Legislature and a Bank Cashier Clash Before Dispensary Investigating Committee.

Columbia special in Thursday's Charlotte Observer: There were more violent doings before the dispensary investigating committee this afternoon. The marshal rushed between W. W. Smoak, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank at Walterboro, and Representative J. M. Walker, of the same place, who had given each other the lie as to whether Major John Black, of the State dispensary directorate, had bribed Walker with a \$40 suit of clothes. Chairman Hay further stilled the warring spirits in the two men by telling them that, if they did not desist, the committee would send them to jail for contempt.

Mr. Smoak testified that Mr. Walker, who voted for Mr. Evans, came into his bank at Walterboro and drew on Mr. Evans for \$75. Mr. Walker testified that he never got the \$75. Mr. Smoak also testified as to the Black matter of a \$40 suit to Walker.

Here it was Walker interrupted and called Smoak a liar and rushed for him. Smoak also gave Walker the lie. Walker denies that he said anything about Black paying for this suit and denies that Black did pay for it. As to the so called private conversation Walker had over the long distance telephone from Columbia to Walterboro during the session of the Legislature just after the election, Mr. Walker said he was talking to his wife and told her of Black's election and that he was glad to see Black come in.

Mr. John S. Holden Dead.

Mr. John S. Holden died at his home in Kershaw last Monday morning at one o'clock. For the past year Mr. Holden had suffered considerably from cancer of the mouth and for the past two months had been confined to his home on that account.

Mr. Holden was 49 years of age and for the past 12 years had been an employee at the Hale Gold Mine. He leaves surviving him his wife and seven children.

His remains were interred in the cemetery at this place yesterday afternoon with masonic ceremonies.—Kershaw Era.

Prosperous Farmer Hangs Himself.

Walthalla special to Greenville News: Henry J. Hesse, a prosperous farmer, living two miles south of Waltham, committed suicide last night by hanging himself with a wire. His body was found hanging from a tree this morning with wire around the neck.

The Dispensary Matter in Kershaw.

What Editor Hamel has to say on the Situation, since His Return from Alabama ---A Card from Mayor Blakeney.

From the Kershaw Era.

The information that an order had been issued by the State board of control for the establishment of a dispensary on a small strip of territory in the town of Kershaw, which happens to lie in the county of Kershaw, came as a surprise to us while away, as we had no intimation before leaving that any effort was being made in that direction. While rumors were afloat prior to the election in this county that it would be done in the event of the dispensary being voted out of Lancaster county, we did not regard the matter seriously for the reason, in the first place, that it hardly seemed reasonable that the State board of control would grant a request of that kind, such a small portion of the town being in the Kershaw county side; and, in the second place, the votes being so overwhelmingly against it here added another reason. But it seems we were mistaken.

It was not to be supposed, of course, that simply voting out the dispensary would completely annihilate the liquor traffic at one blow, but our town authorities have been very vigilant and we had thought that they were succeeding well in the effort they were making to suppress the illegal sales in the short time the law has been in operation. And if the consumption of liquor has been reduced as much as one third in the six months of prohibition we submit that it is succeeding remarkably well.

We were glad to find on our return that active opposition was being made to the establishment of the dispensary in our town, and we were further informed that more than a majority of signatures had been obtained of the qualified voters living in Buffalo and Flat Rock Townships of Kershaw county, which are the townships in that county adjoining Lancaster county, in opposition to it.

Council Unanimously in Favor of Opening Dispensary.

[The same issue of the Era in which foregoing editorial appears contains the following card from Mayor Blakeney. Ed. News.]

Editor of Era: For the information of those making inquiries relative to the Dispensary proposed to be established in Kershaw County within the incorporate limits of the town of Kershaw, I wish to say that this question was discussed by the members of the Council at a meeting of same and the plan to have the Dispensary opened received the unanimous endorsement of the Council. Had I been asked I would gladly have given this or

Accident to a Lancastrian.

Causes People in Charlotte to Think that they Felt a Genuine Earthquake.

The Charlotte Observer reports an earthquake shock in that city last Tuesday evening. It was not the ordinary, regulation seismic disturbance, contemporary, that your mayor and others felt. That quake was caused by a mighty fall that evening which Lancaster's monumental magistrate, Judge Caskey, experienced at Waxhaw creek, between here and Charlotte. As everybody who knows him will testify, Judge Caskey's avoirdupois is equal to that of some bales of cotton, and his attitude so great that he frequently walks in the middle of the street to avoid stepping on and stumbling over store awnings. When therefore, a man like that takes a tumble, and his gigantic frame suddenly comes in contact with mother earth, there's bound to be something doing in the way of a shake.

Judge Caskey's fall Tuesday evening occurred as he was returning from the Vanwyck picnic and school closing exercises. His four-seated hack upset with him about the ford at Waxhaw creek, hurling his ponderous honor violently to the ground. Fortunately, Judge Caskey escaped unhurt, but as much cannot be said of the expanse of land which his massive body struck, which now resembles a brick yard excavation. In rolling over and struggling to get up, the Judge made an impress that was mistaken the next day by a citizen of the community for a place where an elephant had wallowed. He therefore came to town and excitedly inquired whether anybody had heard of a stray elephant roaming about the country.

Death of Mrs. Hilton.

Mrs. Gillie Hilton died at her home at White Bluff last week. Mrs. Hilton was 69 years of age. She leaves surviving her nine children—five sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Hilton's remains were interred in the graveyard at White Bluff Baptist church, of which church she was a consistent member.

Mr. J. A. Hilton, who is a son of the deceased, attended the funeral.—Kershaw Era.

any other information connected with this movement. The writer is willing at any time to give any citizen of this town his reasons for advocating, in this particular instance, the Dispensary. It is not my desire to provoke or enter into a newspaper controversy, but I will certainly not shrink discussion or responsibility for my action in the premises.

Yours truly,
E. D. Blakeney.

A Former Resident

Visits Lancaster after an Absence of Twenty Years --Something about His Vegetable Farm in Florida.

Mr. H. H. Chappell, of Sanford, Fla., stopped in Lancaster one day this week, on his way to New York. We are indebted to him for a pleasant call while here. Mr. Chappell was at one time a resident of this place, being in the railroad business here. He left Lancaster twenty years ago, going to Florida, where he is now successfully engaged in truck farming, his principal crops being celery and radishes. He shipped to northern markets the past season 350 carloads of celery alone.

Some idea of the marvelous advance in land values in Florida may be gathered from Mr. Chappell's experience. Some years ago he bought the farm he is now cultivating for \$1.25 an acre. Recently he declined an offer of \$12,500. for five acres of his farm. On the five acres referred to Mr. Chappell made a profit this year of over \$6,000. He has gradually brought his farm up to a remarkably high state of cultivation. He uses about three tons of fertilizer to the acre. He is practically independent of seasons, as he can irrigate his lands when a shower is needed. The farm is also well underdrained with tiling.

Mr. Chappell met many of his old Lancaster friends while here this week, who were indeed glad to see him again. He not only stopped over to meet his friends and former associates, but he desired to see for himself Lancaster's wonderful growth he has been reading about in the Lancaster correspondence of the Charleston News and Courier, through which medium he keeps up with Lancaster news.

New Methodist Church at Chesterfield Dedicated.

Chesterfield cor. The State:

The Methodists have completed a very handsome brick church. To the pastor, Rev. J. J. Stevenson, is due the credit.

Rev. A. M. Christyburg of Columbia was invited to come and preach at 11 o'clock Sunday. He preached a fine sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Mr. Christyburg is the oldest member of the South Carolina conference and was pastor of this church 62 years ago. There are only about half a dozen people here now who were here then. Your correspondent is the youngest of them and he was about six months old. Only one of them was old enough to remember him.

—A girl in your own arms is worth two in some other fellow's arms.—Athenaeum.

The Deadly Cocaine.

White Man Dies from its Effects and Several Negroes Narrowly Escape a Similar Fate.

The fact that a number of negroes of Lancaster are now using cocaine as a substitute for whiskey was suddenly brought to light this week, and as a sequel to developments a white man is dead.

Last Wednesday afternoon several negroes in town were found prostrated from the effects of some drug. Two of them, Dennis Cole and Otis Clinton, were down on the Court house square, in an unconscious condition. Three others, Arthur Moore, Kissie Clinton and Ella Lowry, were at the same time in a serious condition, in other parts of town. Physicians worked on the parties for hours before they were even partially relieved, and it was not until Thursday morning that the negroes could give an intelligent account of themselves.

It appears that on Tuesday Dennis Cole and another negro, Ed. Ballard, went over to Fort Lawn and one of them bought some cocaine, from a druggist, it is alleged. It is also stated that the druggist had been directed by a physician to let the negro have cocaine for medicinal purposes. When Cole and Ballard got as far as the river, on their return trip, they were so much under the influence of the drug that they had to remain there all night. During their stay at the river it is said that the ferryman, Mr. William Raley, asked them to let him taste the drug. How much he took is not known, but Wednesday afternoon his dead body was found in a ditch a short distance down the river, on the Chester side.

Cole returned to Lancaster without Ballard some time during the day Wednesday, and shortly after his arrival he and the other negroes named were critically ill from the effects of too much cocaine. Cole claims that the others had given him money with which to buy the drug for them. It is said that the cocaine was a purer article than that the negroes had been accustomed to using which accounts for the serious condition in which they soon became.

An inquest was held by the Chester county authorities Thursday over the body of Mr. Raley and the jury came to the conclusion that his death was due to a drug administered by Dennis Cole and Ed. Ballard, who were consequently arrested and carried to jail in Chester.

Fire in Rock Hill--Handsome Residence of W. H. Stewart Burned.

Rock Hill, May 30.—Special to News and Courier: The handsome residence of Mr. W. H. Stewart, in Oakland, near Winthrop College, was burned this afternoon. A pump and a small portion of the furniture in the lower story were saved. The house practically burned up. At this time accurate figures cannot be given, but the loss is in the neighborhood of \$5,000, with about \$3,500 insurance.